Kentucky e-Health Network Board
May 5, 2010
Minutes

Meeting No. 34	Capitol Annex – Room 131	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Board Members in Attendance:
Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair – University of Kentucky
Phil Baughn - Commonwealth Office of Technology
Dr. David Bensema – Kentucky Medical Association
David Bolt – Physicians Practice Managers
Ron Carson, Proxy for Robert King – Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Murray Clark – Kentucky Hospital Association
Dr. William Hacker - Kentucky Department for Public Health
Betsy Johnson – Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Al Perkins, Proxy for Sharon Clark – Kentucky Department for Insurance
Dr. Kim Williams – Kentucky Medical Association

Absent:
Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair – University of Louisville
Deborah Clayton – Kentucky Department of Commercialization & Innovation
Senator Julie Denton – Senate
Rep. Bob DeWeese – House of Representatives
Bruce Klockars – Kentucky Hospital Association & Rural Hospitals
Larry Mott – Business with e-Strategy
Janie Miller – Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Senator Katie Stine – Senate President Pro Tem
Rep. Tommy Thompson – House of Representative

Staff:
April Smith - Project Manager
Donna Veno – Executive Assistant

Welcome and Introductions
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carol Steltenkamp Co-Chair. Members were asked to introduce themselves and report on any current events in e-health. Phil Baughn reported that Kentucky is now #2 of all 50 states at Kentucky at Work and the ARRA Stimulus Reporting, and #1 of all 50 states with regard to Open Door and E-Transparency. Dr. Hacker reported that the Joint Public Health Information Taskforce submitted several suggestions on meaningful use and other health information technology related guidance to the Secretary, Dr. Blumenthal and the President for adoption. David Bolt reported that he has taken on a new job as CEO of Kentucky's newest federally qualified health center.

Communications

Introduction of Regional Extension Center Grantees
Tri-State Regional Extension Center - Trudi Matthews, Acting Director for the Tri-State Regional Extension Center and Policy and Public Relations for HealthBridge, presented an overview of the regional extension centers that will be serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky. HealthBridge is a health information exchange organization located and serving the Greater Cincinnati area including the counties in Northern Kentucky who are part of the Greater Cincinnati Metro area. HealthBridge has partnerships with HealthLink in Bloomington Indiana, CCHIE in Springfield Ohio, and Northeast Kentucky in Morehead Kentucky. The regional extension centers are federally funded collaborations led by HealthBridge with 7 or 8 other partners across Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. HealthBridge's

service area covers 37 counties in Kentucky with a goal to assist 1,800 providers in the tri-state region to meet meaningful use and qualify for incentives. They will work in concert in Kentucky with the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky RHIO to accomplish this. Other organizations HealthBridge is working with in Kentucky include the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Healthcare Excel, Northern Kentucky University and Morehead State University. The regional extension center will help with basic services to any provider that is eligible for incentives. In-depth technical assistance and consulting services will be available to primary care practices including family practitioners, OB/GYN, pediatricians and internal medicine physicians. Small practices with fewer than 10 prescribers, community health centers, federally qualified health centers, rural clinicians in critical access hospitals and any practice or clinic that serves the underserved will be the main focus.

The regional extension centers will provide basic educational resources on using technology and health care and meeting meaningful use. In addition, there will be group purchased electronic health record and technology solutions, information technology services, hardware contracts, on-site consulting on selecting EHRs, exchanging information with other systems, quality measures and reports, and quality improvement support. The regional extension center's goals are to maximize funding to the primary care practices, minimize the expenses of adopting a technology needed to meet meaningful use, and to also include the quality and efficiency of the practice.

Committees and workgroups are currently being formed and an invitation to participate in the regional extension center was extended.   A June 18th kick-off meeting and meaningful use conference will be held in Northern Kentucky at the Marriott River Center Hotel. Beginning on June 30, a series of meaningful use seminars will be conducted to orient and explain how a physician practice can qualify.

University of Kentucky Regional Extension Center - Rob Edwards reported on the status of the University of Kentucky Regional Extension Center. The Center was funded about 3 weeks ago and is in the process of getting up and running. This is a full University of Kentucky (UK) effort in partnerships with all of the colleges at UK, as well as the University of Louisville serving as a key partner rolling out regional extension center activities to their 16 counties. Statewide goals include a public service opportunity to educate physicians on meaningful use and meaningful use activities, and also to help them qualify for incentives under Medicare and Medicaid. UK will be handling, as a sub awardee to HealthBridge, Fayette and surrounding counties, and as a direct awardee 90 other counties west, south, and southeast.

The federal government is providing $5,000 per provider to the regional extension centers.

Northeast Kentucky RHIO Update
Dr. Betty Regan, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Kentucky Regional Health Organization, updated the Board on the RHIO's background, business model, pilot operations, regional extension center, regional impact and next steps. The Board membership includes: Morehead State University; St. Claire Regional Hospital; Morgan County ARH; UK Healthcare; Fleming County Hospital; Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital; Pathways; Gateway Public Health; Family Resources Centers; Primary Plus; Humana; Nursing Home/Long-Term Care; MSU Enterprise Center; Pharmacy; and Regional Employers. Currently the RHIO is incorporated as a not for profit and are waiting on the IRS status. The Board was awarded a HRSA planning grant for seed money to get started. The Business and Operational plan is in place and the website http://nekyRHIO.org is up and running. The RHIO's office will be located at the MSU Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty. The MSU Regional Enterprise Center is a wireless facility with multiple conference, classroom and meeting spaces and space for new or existing IT businesses to support the grant initiative.

The RHIO is currently piloting the HIE operations and has contracted with HealthBridge for the development of pilot operation. A subset of hospitals will participate in the pilot and will go live by the end of May 2010 with two of the first three hospitals. Test data is currently being exchanged. The RHIO has hired Marty Larson as its Interim Executive Director. The Board has adopted a hybrid business model consisting of a subscription and transaction model. Subscription fees will be obtained from data providers, physician practices and clinics, and transaction fees from data providers and users for value added data services. The RHIO is partnering with HealthBridge to provide HIT technical

support and workflow consulting to achieve meaningful use for 300+ primary care physicians in 18 counties. Primary services include educational resources on technology and meaningful use, group purchased EHRs and technology solutions, consulting and implementation support and templates, tools and best practices. Next steps include a grand opening on June 25th, funding/resources, transition to full operating mode, sustainability, supporting meaningful use, supporting medical trading patterns, and connecting with the State KHIE. There is an initiative in Eastern Kentucky looking at building an IT cluster in East KY called Silicon Hollow.

Dr. David Bensema asked for clarification on the subscription and transaction fee. The subscription would be for the physician office connection to the HIE. The transaction fee would most likely include additional value added services beyond the standard delivery of results and medical information into the physician offices. Some physician offices have already signed up to the regional extension center services for consulting services. He also asked for description of a Medical Trading Pattern. Medical Trading Pattern refers to established referral relationships.

Dr. Bensema stated that the subscription fee is another term for a per use charge to a physician for accessing information they are currently receiving free of charge from those who create the data, whether it's an imaging center, a laboratory, or a hospital, who has derived a charge and received funds for having provided that service to the patient. The physician then accesses those pieces of information and utilizes it in the care of the patient without receiving remuneration for those studies having been done. The KMA is on record, through their resolution, as opposing a per click or use fee for HIE. A subscription is simply another term for that and a way of rolling it up into a bundled charge rather than a per click charge. Dr. Bensema stated that as a representative of KMA he opposes a per click or use fee business model for accessing information that you have not generated.

Kentucky Health Information Exchange Presentation and Demonstration
Kathy Frye, CIO and Deputy Executive Director for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and Ric Reeder, KHIE Technical Analyst, provided an update on the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE). The KHIE was launched on April 1, 2010. Six pilot hospitals and one clinic are participating in the exchange. A demonstration of the KHIE showed the Continuity of Care (CCD) document, which is the summary patient record available to the participating hospitals and providers.

Current data source is Medicaid data from the State Medicaid Management Information System. Two years of claims data is loaded. Other future sources include state lab and newborn screening. Silver level access is an ask for information from the KHIE and Gold level is an ask for information from the KHIE and a pull of the CCD. At the Gold level, information will be pulled as needed and will be cashed for 4-24 hours and then deleted. Information will not be stored centrally; only the Master Patient Index and the Record Locator Service will be stored. Performance testing is currently being conducted with the vendor.

Next steps include meetings with the next set of hospitals to get them connected, and development of a Strategic and Operational Plan by August 31, 2010. Nominations are being gathered for the KHIE Coordinating Council. The Council will meet on May 28, 2010 with broad stakeholder input into the Strategic and Operational Plan.

Dr. Hacker reported on the status of the Immunization Registry. The pilot is ready to go and is getting final legal approval on HIPAA issues. Two pilot locations have been identified and the University of Kentucky Department of Pediatrics, the University of Louisville, a local health department and a private physician in Hopkinsville will pilot the registry.

Next Board Meeting
The next meeting of the board is scheduled for June 2, 2010, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm, at the Capitol Annex, Room 131.

Submitted by Donna Veno
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